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AKIHITO MAY GO TO HARVARD

WASHINGTON AND TOKYO HAVE BEEN IN CONFERENCE -- IN CODED CABLES "ABOUT LONEILY AKIHITO, FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN. HIS IMPERIAL FATHER WANTS TO ABDICATE AND LEAVE HIM THE THRONE. AMERICA WANTS HIM TO BE EDUCATED THE AMERICAN WAY. THE PAL-FACED PRINCE LIVES ALONE APART FROM SERVANTS WITH WHOM HE MUST NOT 'FRATERNISE'"

N.S.W. Virtually Paralysed by Strikes

Canberra, Dec. 12. Prime Minister Joseph Chifley and Union leaders ended a six-hour conference yesterday without reaching any agreement or settling the paralysing New South Wales coal, steel and shipping strikes.

The failure of the conference to find a solution was announced by the President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, P. J. Clancy, who said that the Brokenhill Proprietary Steel Organisation had rejected the A.C.T.U. proposals to get the men back to work.

The A.C.T.U. and the Unions, Clancy added in a press statement, would endeavour to have the A.C.T.U. proposals further considered by the British House of Parliament "if possible."

Premier Chifley refused to make any statement but it was reported he had pleaded that the Unions should "uphold the arbitration system."

Earlier, as the meeting began, the Minister for Health, Mr. Christopher Kelly, ordered hospitals to discharge at once all patients who were not too ill to leave, due to the shortage of electric power. — Reuter.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY

New admissions will be restricted to maternity cases and urgent surgical and medical cases, he said.

An additional 300 passenger trains were also taken out of the service.

Each day, more coal-burning ships are being tied up because of the shortage of fuel.

Government and Council officials said that if the coal strike continued into the next week it would mean sharper cuts in the use of electric power, probably its restriction for maintenance of water, sewage, and a narrower group of essential services.

Already virtually all industry has been halted and home cooking and lighting severely restricted.

Approximately 40,000 gallons of milk weekly are poured into rivers. This was formerly used for ice cream and milk-shakes which are now banned.

The slaughter of cattle has also ceased. — Associated Press.

GEN. PATTON RALLYING

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 12. GENERAL GEORGE PATTON, WHO WAS INJURED ON SUNNY MORNING AS A RESULT OF AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, IS REPORTED TO BE RALLYING WITH SOME IMPROVEMENT FROM THE PARALYSIS RESULTING FROM HIS NECK FRACTURE. His wife, who flew from the United States, is now at his bedside.

The hospital authorities said that Patton's general condition remains satisfactory and that he is resting comfortably taking nourishment. He is fully conscious and rational. — Associated Press.

Two and Two

London, Dec. 12. Jewish personnel in the British Army are being posted out of Palestine on the instructions of the War Office. Mr. J. J. Lawton, Secretary for War, informed the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by Mr. P. Piratin, Communist member for Stepney.

Mr. Piratin: Will you explain the reason for the instruction?

Mr. Lawton: I should have thought that obvious. — Reuter.

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Mistaken Idea

Los Angeles, Dec. 12. Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory, compares destruction of the Japanese cyclotron equipment to burning books.

He told an educators' gathering that the cyclotron was smashed "through mistaken ideas as to its use. Somebody in authority erred in giving the order." — Associated Press.

Would-Be Looters Shot At Kai Tak

TWO WOULD-BE LOOTERS ARE LYING IN HOSPITAL WITH LEG AND GROIN WOUNDS FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO STEAL EQUIPMENT FROM THE R.A.F. STATION, KAI TAK.

As a result of an earlier night raid in which looters broke into a store and got away with radio equipment worth about \$1,600, special guards were mounted, and one gang of either five or six men walked straight into the trap prepared for them.

Armed with a bamboo pole with hooks at the end, presumably for hitting foot over the fence, the gang got on to the station through a culvert running beneath the road. They were spotted by aircraft guards, who called out a patrol of 2070 R.A.F. Regiment Squadron led by Flt. Lt. W. R. Ladlow, of 14, Gray Street, Cumnock, Ayrshire.

CAUGHT BY SEARCHLIGHT

Caught in the beam of a searchlight as they were challenged, the raiders refused to stop. The patrol fired only five rounds from their rifles, but in the uncertain light they wounded two of the men, who were taken into custody, and probably wounded another, since a trail of blood was discovered leading from the scene of the capture on to the road.

The incident may be taken to indicate that any other prospective looter at Kai Tak can expect very short shrift. — (Continued on Page 6)

JAPAN'S WORST NAVAL DISASTER

TOKYO, Dec. 12. JAPANESE NAVAL CAPT. TOSHIKAZU OHMAE TOLD TO-DAY HOW THE NEWEST NIPPONESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER WAS SUNK BY AN AMERICAN SUBMARINE IN HER FIRST ENGAGEMENT NEAR THE PHILIPPINES IN 1944. HE SAID ANOTHER CARRIER, THE 30,000-TON "CHOKAKU," WAS SUNK IN THE SAME ENGAGEMENT.

Ohmae said the flagship "Tai sho" in the battle of the Philippines was hit by a torpedo, escaped northward and then exploded and sank quickly, with only a few crew members surviving.

Ohmae said the first battle of the Philippines was the most decisive naval engagement of the war. — Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Cloudy, with light to moderate east winds, remaining cool.

Yesterday's temperatures:—

Maximum:—88 degrees at noon.

Minimum:—65 degrees at 6 a.m.

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Good-bye to the commander of the prison as he stepped into the

ambulance which took him to Atsugi airfield on the first leg of his trip.

He was the cheeriest of the

two colonels he is accused

of permitting their men to commit atrocities.

Big, smiling Homma waved

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the prison as he stepped into the

ambulance which took him to

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of his trip.

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of permitting their men to commit

atrocities.

Homma was frowning and Na-

gahama attempted to hide his

face as an Associated Press

photographer snapped a picture

of the departure. — Associated

Press.

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WAR DECLARED ON CRIMINALS

LONDON, Dec. 12. BRITAIN'S POLICE TO-DAY CALLED ON EVERYONE TO HELP THEM BEAT THE THE COUNTRY'S GREATEST-EVER CRIME WAVE. LONDON'S POLICE WANT EVERY MAN WHO WILL TO VOLUNTEER FOR DUTY AS A SPECIAL PART-TIME CONSTABLE. OBJECT OF THE CALL TO CIVILIANS IS TO ENABLE REGULAR POLICEMEN TO BE TAKEN OFF ROUTINE DUTIES AND TRANSFERRED TO CRIME DETECTION.

All day yesterday the B.B.C. broadcast appeals to the public to dial 999 if they see anything suspicious.

Last night and early to-day a special watch was kept on all main roads around London and all railway stations for five armed bandits who, after robbing a country house near Leatherhead, Surrey, yesterday escaped at Collier's Wood after an 80 m.p.h. car chase by police.

Glasgow police were to-day watching all roads out of the city, railway stations and the docks for a red-headed gunman who killed a woman clerk and wounded a boy and a porter-clerk at one of Glasgow's stations.

The wounded boy, Robert Gough, a 16-year-old apprentice, is gravely ill.

The man dashed into the station master's office at Pollokshields East, firing a pistol held high. Annie Withers, 36, a clerk, died of wounds.

William Wright, 42, porter-clerk, was not badly injured and was able to tell detectives what had happened.

The man is described as about 30 to 35. He wore a light-coloured raincoat resembling a "demob" coat and a soft felt hat.

The weapon was a German Luger type, common among German soldiers among the troops.

NO MONEY

The gunman searched the safe but found no money.

The type of gun he used is regarded as significant in view of the fact that a large number of army deserters are being blamed for much of the crime.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rutherford
wish to inform their friends
who have been invited to the
marriage of their daughter on
Saturday, December 15th, that
the ceremony will take place at
6.30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. as
stated in the invitation card.
The guests are therefore kindly
requested to be present at 6.15
p.m. instead of 5.45 p.m.

Fleet Club Putting On 2,000 Meals A Day

Cannibalism In Leyte

Tokyo, Dec. 12.
A returning Japanese in-
fantryman told Kyodo news
agency that starving Japanese
troops on Leyte finally resorted
to killing and eating fellow
soldiers in extreme cases.

The soldier, Superior Private Shigen Aoki, said the
officer had plenty of food,
and also had Filipino women
at their call up to the time of
the surrender. ... Associated
Press.

American On A Cook's Tour

A SECOND PARTY OF
AMERICAN G.I.S. TOURED
THE COLONY YESTERDAY
ON A TRIP ORGANISED BY
UNITED STATES ARMY H.Q.
AT SHANGHAI FOR U.S.
ARMY AND AIR FORCE PERSONNEL
WHO WANT TO SEE
MORE OF THE FAR EAST.

The party consisted of 45 men.
Their purchases locally included a
chow bun and many bunches of
bananas. Personnel on the trip
were all Shanghai-based. They
are to spend two days in Canton.

There will be several more such
trips, which will be twice weekly
for this month. The party landed at
Kai Tak and were brought over to
Blake Pier in the morning,
boarding for Kai Tak once more
at 4 p.m. and leaving for Canton
at 4.30 o'clock.

The visitors were not permitted
to cross the harbour to Kowloon,
presumably to avoid the possi-
bility of anyone getting lost in
glamorous Hong Kong.

GRAPEJUICE CONFISCATED

For possession of four cans of
grape juice of a type issued to
the Forces, Ko Yuk-kwan was
fined \$5 by C. Y. Kwan at the
Summary Military Court yester-
day.

It was stated that accused was
selling the goods in Pottenger
Street, and was apprehended by
Marine patrols on Tuesday night.

Accused was warned that he
should not purchase or sell this
type of canned goods in future.
The goods were ordered to be
confiscated.

GIRL GUIDES MEETING

At a meeting of the Hong Kong
Girl Guides Association held at
Vicarage, St. Andrew's Church, Miss Dorothy Lee was
elected Commissioner for the
Colony. Miss Lee has been a girl
guide for many years. Mrs. C.
M. Bird was elected Hon. Sec.
and Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held
on Dec. 28 at 6.30 p.m. at the
Fire Brigade Bldg., 3rd floor. All
Guiders are welcome.

END OF MORRISON HILL ROAD ASSAULT CASE

THE CASE BETWEEN MOSES NG AND SHIN KA-SING,
INVOLVING AN ASSAULT SUMMONS, WAS CON-
CLUDED AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT BE-
FORE MR. C. Y. KWAN WHEN HE DELIVERED
JUDGEMENT YESTERDAY.

Shin Ka-sing sued Moses Ng on the 31st day of
October, 1945, claiming that Ng struck him in
the left eye at No. 16, Morrison Hill Road, third floor, the
residence of Miss Diana Chan on October 31.

Moses Ng brought a counter-
summons against Shin for calling
him a traitor and also for
assault and threatening him
with injury.

Mr. F. Zimmermann appeared for
Shin and Mr. Hin Shing Lo for Ng.

Mr. Kwan in his judgment
said: "Having considered the
evidence I have come to the following conclusions:

There is insufficient evidence
to substantiate the charge that

excused for reluctance to devote
further efforts to the honouring of
an obligation that has at times
seemed impossible of execution.
But she is also bound by a wider
obligation to the United Nations
including the British Dominions
as trustee of their general
interest in the tranquillity of the
Middle East. In her endeavour
to reconcile the rights of Jew and
Arab she is entitled to expect
from her allies, whether in west
or east, a guarantee of the
independence of her people,
and cooperation of the Arab states
and Britain alone were
concerned in the future of Palestine,
she might well be

ASHORE ON SUCH GALA OCCASIONS AS PAY-
DAY, THE CHINA FLEET CLUB, WHICH HAS BEEN
STEADILY PUTTING ON ONE AMENITY AFTER AN-
OTHER ON TO ITS LIST OF FEATURES FOR THE EN-
TERTAINMENT OF SHORE-BASED AND LIBERTY
MEN OF THE ROYAL NAVY, HAS SIGHED A SIGH OF
SATISFACTION AND IS PROUDLY EXHIBITING A
BALANCE-SHEET THAT SHOWS A GOOD MARGIN
ON THE CREDIT SIDE.

THE CLUB, WHICH HAS CATERED TO THE ROYAL
NAVY, THE MERCHANT NAVY, AND ALL MEN IN
EMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH NAVAL OR
MERCHANT MARINE AFFAIRS FOR MANY YEARS
BEFORE THE WAR IS DOING A SIMILAR JOB TO-DAY
AND ON A SCALE MUCH LARGER THAN ANY
KNOWN IN ITS HISTORY.

There are 2,000 cooked meals
served daily and 4,800 bottles of
beer find customers nightly at
the bar.

There are two restaurants,
one for Chief and Petty Officers,
and the other for junior ratings.
There are, similarly, two bars.
There is a reading and recreation
room, a tombola three times
weekly, and cinema shows daily
at 4.00 and 7.30 p.m. when the
latest films are shown to mem-
bers. The cinema seats about

numbers using it, has already re-
duced to a shambles some of the
armchairs and chairs specially de-
signed against being easily dam-
ageable, but the Club is cheerfully
expecting more.

H.M.S. Vengeance carried out
the initial cleaning, - and re-
habilitation of the Club. Many
other ships have helped and the
Club re-opened on September 17.
N.A.A.F.I. undertook the organi-
zation of the beer bars from the
initial opening until November 3,
since when the Club has purchased
beer from the N.A.A.F.I. and run
its own show.

ACCOMMODATION

Two restaurants have been re-
decorated and opened up for busi-
ness on November 2, since when
excellent trading returns have
been achieved. The restaurants are
run by a compradore, the Club fix-
ing the prices and taking 15 per
cent, gross takings.

The Club is using the ground
and first floors only, the remaining
ten floors being under temporary
requisition for the accommodation
of shore-based personnel. These
will be released to the Club as
soon as alternative accommodation
can be arranged.

During the Japanese occupation
the decoration of the Club was
neglected, and furniture and fittings
removed. With regard to redecora-
tion, arrangements have been made
for the necessary work to be put in hand as a charge to
Club funds, the necessary contract
being arranged in conjunction
with the S.C.E. Department.

The Club may be considered adequately
furnished at present—although it
will be appreciated that the furniture
is not standard throughout.

Much furniture has been obtained
through service channels on loan
and a consignment has come by
the S.N.O. Sydney on similar
terms. It is possible more furniture
will be received through the
British Centre, Sydney. Negotiations
are proceeding.

CINEMA SHOWS

The Club Cinema is functioning
and giving performances twice
daily.

Mr. Spooner and Mr. Max Law-
ton, from the British Centre at
Sydney, visited the Club last
month. They had flown up from
Sydney in order to survey Hong
Kong from an amenities point of
view and as a section of the British
Centre at Sydney is closing down,
they also brought with them a
list of equipment which is available
for transfer to Hong Kong on
suitable terms.

On Sunday mornings the Thea-
tre has been loaned for the pur-
pose of holding alternately a
Church of England and a Church
of Scotland service.

CORRESPONDENCE

To Whom?

Sir—I have read with interest
the Government's proposals for
fixing wage levels in Hong Kong,
but unfortunately the facts pro-
vided do not show clearly what
exactly is intended.

The impression, I get, is that
the intention is to bring the
wage scales in the Colony back
to their pre-war levels, using the
food price index as justification.
In other words, when prices of
ten commodities fall sufficiently,
Government and Big Business
plan to force wages down to
the point which compelled the
mass of the population before
the war to exist on the starva-
tion-border.

The excuse is economic necessity.
Do social conditions never
enter into consideration? Is it
really true that deplorable wages
and living conditions are a sign
of non-Hong Kong prosperity?
When prosperity is re-
ferred to in this connection, to
whom does it apply?

REFORMER

DOWNTON ONE,
ALMOST!

Sir—Could you please help us
in the following matter? Which
has the bigger population, China
or India, and by how many?
Please you can obligate.

TWO TOWNIES
(China 467,835,475; India
352,987,778—Ed.)

An attempted armed robbery at
the Luen Hing Lung poultry
dealers, No. 10, Waterloo Road, at
about eight o'clock last night was
frustrated when the accountant in his
office. Four men took part in the
attempt, all armed with revolvers.
After some effort to force the door
of the office, they left hurriedly.

In view of the trivial nature
of the offence I think justice in
the case will be met if I repre-
sent a conviction against him
and discharge him with a caution.

School For Scandal?

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12.

Among the latest charges
made by the Nationalists
against the Communists is
that they have opened a
school for Mata Hari near
Kwaihsien, capital of Szechuan
province.

Pupils are said to be over
400 young women abducted
from various districts in
north-western Shensi who are
undergoing "rigorous training
in espionage and propaganda."

—Associated Press.

COMMUNISTS ON NEW CLASHES

CHUNGKING, DEC. 12:
TROOPS ARE CLOSING IN ON TWO TOWNS ON THE
TIENTSIN-PUFUO RAILROAD, NORTH OF TSI-
NANFU, PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF SHANTUNG.
THE TOWNS ARE IDENTIFIED AS YUCHENG AND PING-
YUAN.
THE COMMUNISTS ARE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE
CLASHED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PEIPING-HAN-
KOW RAILROAD, AND LISTED RESULTS BETWEEN
NOV. 19 AND 30 ADMITTED THE OF 11 TOWNSHIPS.
—Associated Press.

Flag Raising Ceremony In Swatow

SWATOW, Dec. 12.
On December 8, that is just
four years after the outbreak of
the Pacific War, the flag of the
British Consulate at Swatow was

raised.

Those present at the flag-raising
ceremony were the British Consul-
General from Canton; General Lin
Ch'en-te and Colonel Yang Ju-
yu, representing the Border Com-
mand; two representatives of Far
Eastern Shipping Agencies; a re-
presentative of the Hong Kong &
Shanghai Banking Corporation and
the Captain and members of the
crew of S.S. "Easang".

The British Consul-General said
"Gentlemen, this raising of the
British flag is an act of faith in
our future. Without faith we can
accomplish nothing, we can move
not only ordinary mountains, but
also mountains of cargo to and
from Swatow. In spite of almost
superhuman difficulties we have
come through the war victorious
and so with an effort we can, must
and will come through the peace.
Just as this flag is able to rise
again on high, so can our national
fortunes."

The British Consulate is being
repaired so that it will be ready
for occupation at a later date.
—London Press Service.

GENERAL PUN LEAVING

General Pun Wah-kwock, popu-
lar head of the Chinese Military
Mission in Hong Kong, was to
have left yesterday morning for
Chungking, but owing to a delay
in the arrival of the C.N.A.C.

plane from Canton, his departure
was postponed until Friday
morning.

General Pun is relinquishing
his post as head of the military
mission to take up another im-
portant appointment, and his place
here is being taken over by
General Mok Yu-shek who is now
in the Colony.

In an interview on the eve of
his departure, General Pun ex-
pressed appreciation and thanks
for the courtesies and co-operation
extended to him by the British
authorities, his American friends
and all sections of the Chinese
community during his three-
months' stay here.

In contradiction, Communist
have been repairing the railroad
and that traffic is running on
certain sections. —Associated
Press.

GOVERNOR OF
KWANTUNG LEAVES

The Governor of Kwantung,
General Lo Cheuk-ying, brought
his visit to a close yesterday
morning when he and his entour-
age left by train for Canton.

On the platform to see him off
were His Excellency the C-in-C.
and high officials, members of the
Chinese Military Mission, and re-
presentatives of the Kuomintang
and other Chinese organisations.

OFF MACAO RUN

The Hongkong-Yaumati ferry
boat Man Hing which has been on
the Macao run has now been withdrawn from this
service. She will now be used to
augment the Hongkong and
Yaumati ferry service and permit
one of the other ferries at present
on the run to go for overhaul.

Another
Through Train

To cope with the increasingly
heavy passenger traffic on the
through express, the Railway Ad-
ministration in Canton is said to be
planning to convert the mid-
day train to Shunmen into a
through train to Kowloon.

The mid-day train, which had
been closed to passenger traffic
for some days on account of
troop movements, resumed the
taking passengers on the Decem-
ber 10.

At present from 2,000 to 3,000
persons queue up for tickets
every morning, most of them for
Kowloon, and as the accommoda-
tion for through passengers is at
present limited to 1,100, the rest
of them book by the mid-day train
by motor-truck.

When two trains a day run to
Kowloon, the pressure on the ex-
press will be relieved, as the
mid-day train has accommodation
for about 900 passengers.

BENEFIT OF DOUBT

Fung Wing, lorry-driver of No.
2, M.T. Pool, was charged before
Lt. Nigel at Kowloon for the
larceny of two cans of petrol
valued at \$46.

Cpl. Webb, R.A.F., testified that
on the morning of Dec. 7 he and
two Chinese stopped in front of the
Pool as the accused was driving
his lorry out. On searching the lorry he found that
the tool boxes were locked. He
found the two cans of petrol
inside.

Accused said that the previous
afternoon he noticed the boxes
were locked but Cpl. Webb said
he noticed the boxes were not
locked. Evidence against accused
was not sufficient and he was ac-
quitted.

REMOVING MISUNDERSTANDING

Big Three Meeting In Moscow Widely Approved

No Abandonment Of Principles

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.)

LONDON, DEC. 12.

AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE ABOUT THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE "BIG THREE," REACTIONS AMONG OBSERVERS IN LONDON ARE BEGINNING TO CRYSTALLISE IN TWO DIRECTIONS.

FIRSTLY, THERE IS UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE DECLARED AIM OF THE CONFERENCE INSO FAR AS THEY ARE DIRECTED TOWARDS REMOVING SUSPICIONS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS BEFORE THE THREE POWERS MEET IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

Discussion of atomic control is particularly welcomed as a practical and necessary curtain raiser to the General Assembly. The absence of Sir John Acheson, Britain's chief atomic delegate to the Anglo-American Canadian talks in Washington, from the British delegation to Moscow is presumably explained by the fact that the question will be discussed there not in its technical aspects, but as it affects political and diplomatic problems with which, of course, Mr. Ernest Bevin and his Foreign Office representatives are fully qualified to deal.

Secondly, as it becomes more and more apparent that many of the problems which would ordinarily come into the province of the Foreign Ministers Council are likely to be tabled in Moscow, there is still a tendency to explore what on the face of it appears to be a return to exclusive "Big Three" diplomacy.

Dock Strike Threat Re-Emerges

LONDON, DEC. 11.

BRITAIN'S DOCKS ARE AGAIN FACED WITH LABOUR CRISIS. LONDON DOCK WORKERS AT A MASS MEETING TO-DAY PROTESTED AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE OF A 19 SHILLING DAILY WAGE, AND CALLED ON THEIR UNION LEADERS TO GIVE A 21 DAYS' STRIKE NOTICE.

The decision of the London Central Strike Committee, which advised rejection of the recommendation to-day, is in sharp contrast to the attitude of all four unions, which have strongly advised the men to accept the new wage rate.

The next move will be on Friday when the delegates' conference, attended by representatives from every port in the country, will be held in London. It will consider the Arbitration Committee's recommendation, and will have the power to insist that unions give 21 days' notice of strike action.—Reuter.

Possession Of Duty-Free Cigarettes

Leung Kan, junk foki, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with being in possession of sixty cartons of American cigarettes on board a junk on Tuesday.

According to the prosecution, Chinese Sub-Inspector Fong told the Court that during a routine search by the Dockward Police the cigarettes were found on board accused's junk near Stonecutters Bay. They were wrapped up inside a cotton quilt.

Defendant said he exchanged the cigarettes for four wrist watches, and he did not know it was against the law.

A fine of \$10 was imposed, and the cigarettes were ordered to be forfeited.

Ngan Ki-yan, who was charged with a similar offence by having in his possession three bottles of Hong Kong beer, a type provided for the Forces, had his bail of \$20 estreated when he failed to appear in Court.

Sub-Inspector Fong said that Hong Kong beer is only provided to the Forces and was not for sale at present.

Mr. Kwan said that he had seen restaurants selling a similar type of beer for \$5. "May be they have a permit for them," Inspector Fong said.

The three bottles of beer were ordered to be confiscated.

Costly Move

LONDON, DEC. 12.

IMMEDIATE COST OF THE MOVE OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA COMMAND GROUP HEADQUARTERS FROM CYPRUS TO SINGAPORE IS ESTIMATED AT SOME £30,000, AND MR. JACK LAWSON, MINISTER OF WAR, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY.

He added that it was intended that S.E.A.C. Headquarters should remain in Singapore.—Reuter.

NAZIS HAD DEADLIEST POISON GAS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12.

THE IG. FARBEN INDUSTRIE, GERMANY'S GREAT CHEMICAL COMBINE, DEVELOPED DURING THE WAR AND WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLIED NATIONS THE "DEADLIEST POISON GAS IN THE WORLD". COLONEL BERNARD BERNSTEIN OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY STATED IN WASHINGTON TO DAY.

Colonel Bernstein made this statement while testifying before the Senate Sub-Committee investigating Germany's war potential.

Democratic Senator Harley M. Kilgore heads the Committee.

In spite of the effort made by the Nazis to destroy plants and stocks before occupation, Allied investigators learned that an IG. Farben official at Wuppertal-Elberfeld had invented a gas capable of penetrating any gas mask in existence.

The Colonel added: "The German dye trust originally made its poison gas experiments on monkeys and later on human beings."

These gases were not only used on helpless people during the experimental stages but they were later employed with the full knowledge and acquiescence of the IG. Farben to exterminate whole group in concentration camps, such as Auschwitz."—Reuter.

Arabs Rather Deal With Britain Only

CAIRO, DEC. 12.

THE ARAB COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ARAB PARTIES IN PALESTINE, ISSUED A STATEMENT TO-DAY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PALESTINE QUESTION IS ONE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND PALESTINE AND THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE.

THE STATEMENT WAS RELEASED BY EMILE BEY EL-CHOURY, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, ON THE EVE OF THE PAN-ARAB LEAGUE MEETING AT WHICH THE PALESTINIANS FOR THE FIRST TIME WILL HAVE A VOTE.

Palestine previously had only observer rights and was not officially a member of the league as a British Protectorate.

The statement says: "Fratly, the first and final word about the future of Palestine rests with the Palestine Arabs, supported by all Arab nations."

Secondly, Palestine Arabs deny that any foreign power has the right to dispose of the future of their country.

Thirdly, Palestine Arabs consider Mr. Bevin's statement as disquieting and a departure

from the policy already established by the British Government.

Fourthly, they request the British Government to reconsider and renounce Mr. Bevin's statement."—Associated Press and Reuter.

Captain H. E. Wright, Q.B.E. R.N., Captain Superintendent H.M.S. Dockyard, Hong Kong to-day by H.M.S. "Arbiter."

Byrnes' Plan For Single Peace Conference

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12.

SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES TO-DAY DISCLOSED HE WOULD RENEW HIS PLAN FOR WRITING THE PEACE OF EUROPE IN A GENERAL PEACE CONFERENCE.

THE BIG-FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE DEADLOCKED ON THE ISSUE LAST SEPTEMBER WHEN RUSIA OBJECTED TO FRENCH AND CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION OF PEACE TREATIES WITH THE BALKANS.

Byrnes said that Britain was proposing to Russia a coordinated withdrawal of their armies from Iran as soon as possible.

He said that Dr. James B. Conant, President of Harvard University, will be his advisor on atomic energy problems.

Byrnes said that the initial American purpose was to inform Russia about the United Nations Commission agreed by the United States, Britain and

Canada and learn the Russian view.

John Carter Vincent, State Department Far Eastern Chief, will accompany Byrnes.

Byrnes said he will seek Russian cooperation in creating a United Nations Commission on atomic energy controls when he reaches Moscow this weekend for the meeting of the Big Three Foreign Ministers.—Associated Press.

Wilderness Capital Of Yenan

(By John Roderick.)

YENAN, DEC. 11.

THIS WILDERNESS CAPITAL OF CHINA'S COMMUNISTS HAS BEEN MUCH WRITTEN ABOUT BUT SELDOM VISITED BY FOREIGNERS. THIS IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF A POWERFUL FACTION WHICH CLAIMS TO SPEAK FOR 100,000,000 PEOPLE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE THE SUCCESS OF THE STRUGGLE TOWARD WHAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS SAY IS ECONOMIC EQUALITY AND POLITICAL DEMOCRACY, BUT AFTER ONE WEEK HERE AN OBSERVER GETS THESE IMPRESSIONS:

The press is supposedly free but I found no word of criticism of the Chinese Communist Party. Notable, too, is its unwillingness to acknowledge anything good in the Nationalist Party of Chiang Kai-shek.

Perhaps this is too much to ask from a people who feel they have suffered much in blood at Central Government's hands.

The Communists declared their aim is human improvement. They have accepted isolation, hardship and at time possible death for what must often have seemed a futile cause.

People of Yenan are healthy and adequately fed. There are no beggars in evidence. The crime rate is low. Ideas of the administration seem to be progressive.

Elections apparently are free. The judicial system is humane, aiming at reform rather than punishment only.

Youth predominates in the army and the leaders appear to be resourceful.

Yenan's ancient walled city is largely rubble from the 1938 Japanese bombings, and dwellers occupy countless caves cut into sandy cliffs.—Associated Press.

A Japanese In London During War

IN THE HEART OF LONDON A Japanese, with his British-born wife and family, had lived unmolested throughout the war.

His 21-year-old son who was to have been married to a charming English girl, was reported missing after an R.A.F. bombing raid over Germany last March.

The father, Mr. Yoshio Yama, born in Japan 60 years ago, said that he served on Japanese merchant ships in the last war, when Japan was with the Allies.

Mrs. Yama who comes from the Isle of Wight, said: "I am British and the children have British nationality."

Commenting on the scores of panels and drawings on the walls of their flat, the work of Mr. Yama, his wife said: "Peter, our son, was also a wonderful artist and a musician. I had just sent him his violin. The R.A.F. have found it and are keeping it for me."

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400 Japanese Face Charges

SALON, Dec. 12.

After studying the reports of interrogations of over eight thousand Allied prisoners-of-war in Indo-China, the Allied Military Authorities have prepared a "black list" of four hundred Japanese and their allies to be tried on war crimes charges.

In addition, twenty major war criminals will be charged for mass murders.

Of the 400 wanted men, 150 are now imprisoned. The trials will probably be held on a regional basis.—Reuter.

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Sad Brides In Britain

Saddest brides in Britain are the hundreds of girls married to serving South Africans now waiting in Brighton to sail home.

The war-time marriage rate between English girls and Springboks has been exceptionally high. Many returned South African prisoners-of-war, who were sent to Brighton to await repatriation, have married, and were expecting to take their brides back shortly.

Now, owing to lack of transport, these brides face the prospect of being left stranded here for some time after their husbands return.

Many of the girls have lost touch with their old associations, parted with their belongings, and with resources dwindling, are being charged 25s. for bed and breakfast. They have no prospect of an allowance for months to come.

ESTRANGEMENTS

In some cases there are estrangements between girls and parents, who disapproved of marriage to a man from overseas, and so they have no home to which they can return.

Prisoner-of-war clubs and similar South African organisations are doing what they can for the girls, but these will shortly be closing down.

An appeal to General Smuts is being considered. Meanwhile, a petition has been sent to commanding officers which points out that "many of these unions, as is well known, were contracted hurriedly, and there has been insufficient time to cement them.

To separate husband and wife for an indefinite period now is unfair and most unwise."

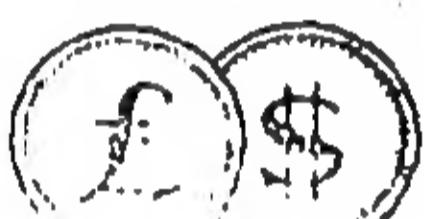
SHANGHAI, Dec. 11.

The United States Army war crimes branch has announced the arrest of ten suspected Filipino collaborationists in Shanghai—Associated Press

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BRITAIN'S UNENVIABLE TASK

Government Expecting Dutch To Talk "Turkey"

Indonesia Debate In Commons

LONDON, Dec. 11. INDONESIA WAS DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT TONIGHT. THE LABOUR MEMBER, MR. TOM DRIEBERG, WHO VISITED THE EAST A FEW MONTHS AGO DECLARED: "THE BRITISH PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED WITH DISMAY AND CONCERN THAT BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS ARE ENGAGED AND ARE SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES IN INDONESIA AND FRENCH INDO-CHINA—A WAR WHOSE OBJECT APPEARS TO BE A RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO IN THE DUTCH AND FRENCH EMPIRES IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD.

THE WAS EVERY INDICATION THAT THIS WAS NOT A MERE TRIFLING OR GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN, BUT SOMETHING QUITE IMPORTANT.

Mr. Driberg said the troubles that had arisen were not the faults of British troops and Commanders on the spot. "They had done their utmost for a solution, but had been handicapped throughout by 'intransigent and unwise political directives emanating from Paris and The Hague."

"If it had been left to the judgment and discretion of Commanders on the spot, I believe an amicable solution could have been reached without bloodshed," he said.

Asked what exactly were the British commitments to the Dutch and French, Mr. Driberg said that responsible American newspapers had published fairly detailed accounts of the alleged signing of a pact between the Foreign Secretary and the French Ambassador in London on this matter.

UNENVIABLE TASK

It might be said Britain had no right to interfere in the colonial policy of other countries. He suggested that they had established such right, because it was their troops who had the disastrous and unenviable task of doing this job and sacrificing their lives, and because the British had shown in their handling of a somewhat analogous problem in Burma that they did at any rate know how to handle such problems in that part of the world.

Mr. Driberg said that one of the crucial points were the terms which the Dutch offered to the peoples of Indonesia. This main point of the offer, which became known about November 6, was that Indonesia was to be a partner in the Kingdom. He suggested that this did not correspond in any way to "our Dominion status." There was to be a representative body with a majority of Indonesians on it, and a Council of Ministers under the Governor-General as representing the Dutch Crown.

ALL TOO CLEAR

Further, this representative body had to deal almost exclusively with the internal affairs of those territories only. The question of suffrage was not cleared up in this remarkable offer.

Finally, it was made all too clear that all final decisions on matters of major policy were to be taken at The Hague.

Mr. Driberg commented that he did not think that could be described as an "extremely liberal offer, which goes a long way."

"The very least that the Dutch can do now," he said, "is to offer something comparable with Dominion status, and I am not sure that it is not too late. The situation is so vague and tense."

He suggested that the whole situation might be handled under the transitional security arrangements provided for under Article 100 of the United Nations Charter. The great powers in such a case had the power to co-opt other Powers to join in the discussions.

He hoped that Dr. Van Mook, who is now on the way to The Netherlands, would be given full authority by his Government to meet the Indonesians publicly to meet that initiative with counter-proposals, if they so desire, in a spirit of reasonable compromise.

Meanwhile, "there should be a minimum possible delay in finalising the Dutch terms of November 6 in more concrete terms, and as the basis of negotiations."

GOVT. DEMANDS ACTION

"We expect and demand that the Dutch and Indonesians should sit down together to adjust their differences on the basis of concrete proposals on both sides without any further delay."

The first essential in that both sides should approach the negotiations in a spirit of equality, in the spirit of the UN Charter.

Meanwhile, "the British forces must do what is necessary to ensure the safety of all allied members and their interests."

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Minister of State, replying to the debate said: "The Dutch took

the initiative, and it is up to them to meet that initiative with counter-proposals, if they so desire, in a spirit of reasonable compromise."

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R.A.F. Man Anxious
To Get Down To It

ANOTHER R.A.F. MAN WHO WAS SERVING AT KAI TAK
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HE IS SERGEANT THOMAS BARTLETT, WHOSE WIFE
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Sgt. Bartlett, whose U. K.
home was at St. Michael's Lane,
Bridport, Dorsetshire, was in
Shamshui Po prison camp along
with about 30 other R.A.F.
personnel from Kai Tak, and
LAC. J. R. J. Bushforth,
whose story was given recently
in the "China Mail," he recalls
the epidemic of diphtheria
in the camp and how the Jap
Dr. Saito threatened to give
the British doctors machine
gun bullets if they pressed him
too hard for anti-diphtheria
serum. He even went so far as
to refuse them all facilities for
making their own serum.

LUCKIER IN JAPAN

"When we ultimately got to
Japan we were luckier than
most prisoners of war," said
Sgt. Bartlett. "After a time
we were handed over to a factory
where I worked in the foundry.
We were always des-
perately short of food."

"The Japs stole any meat that
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for us. All we got were the
bones, which we boiled for hours
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Palestine Committee
Planning Talks

(By Renter's Diplomatic Correspondent.)

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Striking Facts
On RailwayGeneral
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Chungking, Dec. 12.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
shek has relieved General
Kwang Lin-cheng as commander
of the Kunming garrison for
alleged mishandling of the
strike of 6,000 students
against civil strife in China.

It has been directed that
General Kwang be appropriately
punished.

General Ho Kwei-chang has
been named acting garrison
commander in Kunming.—
Associated Press.

BASKET-BALL MATCH

The Chinese First Army beat
Chinese Y.M.C.A. "Y" team by 30
points to 23 in an exhibition basket
ball game at Bridges Street last
night.

Chinese "Y" were leading by
11-10 at the interval. Tang Slik-
chiu at centre and Ng Sheung-pak
at guard were the best players for
the Army team. Luke Tak-chung
played well for Chinese "Y".

This evening Chinese First
Army will meet the Chinese
Y.M.C.A. "A" team at the "Y"
gymnasium at 6.30 p.m.

FRIENDLY SOCCER

Through the courtesy of Lieut.
Potts of 42 R.M. Commando a
friendly football game will be
played between 42 R.M. Commando
and Kwong Wah on Saturday
at 4 p.m. on the Kwong Wah
ground (Cox's Path).

42 Commando have a strong
side and a number of very good
players. Kwong Wah will be
fielding the same team which beat
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a good game is anticipated.

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SOME STRIKING FACTS
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WERE GIVEN BY MR. WAL-
LACE ROSE TO THE FELIX-
STOWE ROTARY CLUB RE-
CENTLY.

Mr. Rose is the father of L.A.C.
John Wallace Rose, attached to
the 502 Squadron in Hong Kong.

Here are some of the facts he
related:

When war came about one in
ten of the L.N.E.R. personnel

were qualified in gas training,

A.R.P., and fire-fighting.

At the end of the war 40,000 L.N.E.R.

men were trained in these ser-
vices.

Armenians: Almost overnight

all available railway workshops

were turned over to war produc-
tion. L.N.E.R. workers machined

and assembled 350 turrets for

Valentine tanks, and also forged

and machined no fewer than

64,000 tank shoe tracks. At the

Doncaster works millions of com-

ponent parts were made for many

types of aircraft. For the Navy

over half a million parts were

produced for the Osprey anti-

aircraft gun, from a specimen

twin to this country. For the

Air Force they produced 200,000

parts for the Hispano 20 m.m.

cannon for fighter aircraft.

Munitions: The Company's

works turned over to the produc-

tion of munitions manufactured

more than three-quarters of a

million 3.7-inch anti-aircraft

and 17-pounder high velocity car-

tridges cases of six varieties and

heat-treated more than 34 million

20 m.m. cannon shell cases.

East Anglian airfields: Over

three-quarters of the burden of

Bomber offensive fell upon the

L.N.E.R. The quantities of ma-

terials required first to make the

airfields were colossal. In con-

structional material and equip-
ment alone, British railways con-

veyed something like 20 million

tons to bomber airfields: 400

special trains conveyed 167,000

All Set For Chungking Troops To Fly In

Fresh Chaplains

Matsuyama, Japan, Dec. 12. A young American officer fresh from the States called his men together, pulled out his canteen and said: "Boys, have a drink on me. It's something special you haven't tasted for a long time." He was a young, smiling altho though it may have faded the boy. He had piled his canteen in San Francisco and brought the statewide water across the Pacific free of charge, a disinterested, Associated Press.

Empire Labour Party Conference!

Ottawa, Dec. 12. It was announced that an invitation has been extended by the Co-operative Federations (representing the Labour, Farmer and Socialist Parties) for a conference of British Commonwealth Labour Parties to be held in Canada next December.

The National Secretary of the Federation said that they had reason to believe that the invitation would be accepted and added that the British, Australian, New Zealand and South African Labour Parties were certain to be represented.

The Secretary said that discussions were proceeding to extend invitations to India and other parts of the Empire. Reuter.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

KWAJALEIN, Dec. 12. SIX JAPANESE OFFICERS WHO WERE CONVICTED OF THE KILLING OF FIVE AMERICAN AIRMEN ON MALL IN FEBRUARY, 1944, WERE SENTENCED TO BE HANGED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION HERE TO-DAY.

Two others were sentenced to life imprisonment and two given a term of 20 years' imprisonment. The case will be reviewed by higher authority.

Those sentenced included Colonel Kibuchi Oishi, senior officer at Mall, Major Otokimi Nakao, Major Chojira Takarada, Navy Lieutenant Tkyoshi Ueda, Army Lieutenant Takuji Mori and Navy Warrant Officer Tatanechi Manako.

The accused were charged of having beheaded the American airmen after their bomber had crashed at Mall. Associated Press.

Nazis Leaders See Their Story On Scene

NUERNBERG, Dec. 12. TWENTY-ONE NAZIS WATCHED SPELLBOUND A FILM RECORD OF THEIR HEILING, GOOSE-STEPPING DAYS WHEN THEY WERE RIDING BIG IN EUROPE AND PLOTTING NEW CONQUESTS. THE FILM, WHICH TOOK UP MOST OF THE SESSION OF THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL, WAS COMPILED FROM CAPTURED GERMAN NEWSREELS AS THE FILM RECORD WAS UNFOLDED IN THE DARKENED COURT-ROOM THE DEFENDANTS FOLLOWED THE GRIM RECORD OF THE NAZIS' RISE TO POWER WITH RAPT ATTENTION.

The sight of Hermann Goering rubbing his pudgy palms together in a self-satisfied manner over the signing of the Munich Pact was too much for some of the defendants who laughed in spite of themselves.

Observers who watched the defendants' reaction, seen by the strong lighting, agreed that they reacted "like a group of school children" at the reminders of their most glamourous adventures.

Goering remarked that if the film could be seen in their entirety "Justice Jackson would certainly join the party."

Joachim Von Ribbentrop's eyes filled with tears at a scene showing Hitler speaking and he exclaimed: "Can't you feel Hitler's tremendous personality? For us it is the most fearfully stimulating thing that has happened."

But growing Hans Frank reported: "You see that in the man the Germans made a God of."

NOT BAD

Later during a scene showing marching seamen, Admiral Carl Doenitz commented: "Obviously they are the best of the lot."

Goering admitted: "Not bad."

Rudolf Hess was the most excited of all as his face was shown in close-ups. He tapped his foot constantly to the military march and clapped his hands soundlessly.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12. THE RUSSIAN CONCESSION TO ALLOW CHINESE NATIONALIST TROOPS TO FLY INTO MANCHURIA WILL ALLOW TROOP LANDINGS AT THE THREE MAJOR CITIES OF CHANGCHUN, MUKDEN AND HARBIN, CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. CHINESE COMMUNISTS PREVIOUSLY WERE REPORTED CONCENTRATING ABOUT CHANGCHUN AND HARBIN AND READY TO TAKE OVER MUKDEN IF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS ON THE OUTSKIRTS TRIED TO MOVE IN, BUT A CHINESE DISPATCH YESTERDAY SAID THE COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS AT YENAN ORDERED THEIR TROOPS TO CLEAR OUT OF MUKDEN TO CONSERVE THE STRENGTH OF THE COMMUNIST FORCES.

GIVE MONTH'S WARNING

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12. THE C.I.O. UNITED STEEL WORKERS' UNION, CLAIMING A MEMBERSHIP OF NEARLY 1,000,000, HAS SET A MINUTE AFTER MIDNIGHT NEXT JAN. 14 AS THE TIME FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE GENERAL STRIKE OF THE NATION'S STEEL MILLS.

A resolution by the Wage Policy Committee condemned President Truman's proposed legislation for settlement of the dispute by a fact finding board.

The strike would be the largest in American history.

The Union is demanding a \$2 daily wage increase. Large steel firms have stated that they cannot pay the raise without increasing prices, while the government's office of price administration has refused a general price increase.

Associated Press.

Nazi Slavery

NUREMBERG, Dec. 12. EVIDENCE OF NAZI REVELRY OF SLAVERY WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY AT THE TRIAL OF GERMAN LEADERS.

The United States Deputy Prosecutor, Mr. Thomas Dodd, quoted from documents showing the Nazis for moving millions of "Eastern peasants" into Germany and exploiting them to the utmost. Mr. Dodd also quoted a speech by Herr Himmler, in which the latter said that other nations interested him only in so far as they were needed as slaves.

Mr. Dodd will present the second instalment of the grim story of the Nazi slave programme when the trial re-opens to-day. Reuter.

GOES NOW TO TRUMAN

Washington, Dec. 12. The Senate to-day completed Congressional action on the Bill appropriating another \$550,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

It approved the resolution adopted at the conference at Newport which includes an amendment requesting the President to seek admission of American press and radio reporters into allied countries to report on U.N.R.R.A. activities. Associated Press.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12.

BIBLES FOR JAPAN

TOKYO, Dec. 12. Col. Juan Bonnat, chief chaplain at Allied headquarters, said to-day arrangements were concluded for sending 2,600,000 Bibles and New Testaments to Japan from the United States. Printed in Japanese, the scriptures will replace religious literature damaged or lost during the war years. They are being supplied by the American Bible Society and will be distributed through Japanese Christian churches. Associated Press.

U.S. Guards Open Fire

TOKYO, Dec. 12. THE ARMY NEWSPAPER "STARS AND STRIPES" SAID TO-DAY FOUR KOREANS WERE KILLED AND 43 JAPANESE AND KOREANS WERE ARRESTED AT FUNAKOKE, SENDAI, AS MILITARY POLICE CRACKED DOWN ON JAPANESE LOOTING IN THE FUNAKOKE NAVAL ARSENAL.

The guards intercepted a large group of looters carrying barrels of alcohol away from a warehouse and when an attempt to halt them failed, they opened fire, killing four.

With the help of Japanese civilian police, the others were apprehended, the paper said.

Military government authorities are investigating reports that the looting is connected with big-time Japanese black market ring operations. Associated Press.

THREE DAYS BEFORE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. A NAVAL OFFICER TESTIFIED AT THE ARMY'S PEAL-HARBOUR INQUIRY TO-DAY THAT THE NAVY HAD PICKED UP A TOKYO MESSAGE THREE DAYS BEFORE THE ATTACK COMMITTING JAPAN TO WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Two copies of the "Winds execute" message was sent to the War Department, the naval officer related, but Army officers testified that they had no record of having ever received it.

This testimony in the Army Inquiry's Board report has been hitherto classified as a top secret but is scheduled to be placed in the record of the Pearl Harbour Investigation to-morrow.

Chairman Barkley has authorized its publication to-night. Associated Press.

The coded Tokyo message said "War with England, war with America and peace with Russia."

The Judge Advocate, Myron C. Crammer, observed in the Army Board report that neither original nor copies of the message "can now be found in the files of either the War or Navy Department."

The Army Board report said that the Navy captain is purported to have predicted to Secret of the Navy Knox on Dec. 7, 1941, that the intercepted Tokyo message meant "surprise attack on Pearl Harbour to-day and possibly a midnight attack on Manila." Associated Press.

Got Tired Of Shamshuiipo

Captain J. L. Quie, who is among the Hong Kong business men who have recently returned to the Colony to take part in the task of rehabilitation, is also one of the men of the H.K.V.D.C. who found conditions in Shamshuiipo Camp cramped and unsatisfactory and decided to leave.

He escaped early in 1943, travelling through Shauyuchung and Tai Chow, eventually reaching Kunning and thence over "The Hump" to India.

Talking to a "China Mail" representative yesterday, Captain Quie revealed that on arrival in India he joined up as a private, was later promoted to sergeant, and then was given his commission as a member of the Intelligence Corps.

He is now functioning again as the Secretary of Humphreys Estates, Ltd., getting their affairs into order.

Danger would be, if the example of the gunmen spreads, adds the paper, which concludes: "The criminals may have a bit of a sling out the odds are hopelessly against them."

ANOTHER INCIDENT

Another incident occurred in Kowloon, when Miss Nellie Smith, 37, supervisor of a Tunbridge Wells store, was walking home from work.

India Urged To Pause On Edge Of Tragedy

LONDON, Dec. 12. IF IRRESPONSIBLE WORDS SHOULD RESULT IN IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS IN INDIA, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THE FORCES AT ITS DISPOSAL TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND THE FUTURE WOULD BE DARK, COMMENTS THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" TO-DAY.

THE PAPER DECLARIES THAT THIS TRAGEDY NEED NOT OCCUR. IT ADDS THAT LORD WAVELL "HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE UNUSUALLY SYMPATHETIC BOTH PERSONALLY AND IN HIS CONCEPTION OF THE BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS INDIAN ASPIRATIONS."

At the same time, the Indian political leaders would be making a grave error if they supposed that because of this sympathetic attitude, Lord Wavell would be found lacking in decision and, if necessary, is sternness in the face of resort to violence.

Pandit Nehru, in the bitterness of his heart, has said that he is indifferent with what happens to India subsequently as long as the British rule is ended. It is a narrow and callous view, however, bitten in his memories and experience, which may have provoked it. Whatever Pandit Nehru may feel, his indifference to India's subsequent fate is not shared by Lord Wavell or the British people.

There will be and there can be no abandonment of the responsibility without a reasonable and agreed settlement which offers the prospect of political and economic stability in India.

THREE QUALITIES

Goodwill, common sense and patience were the three qualities which the Victorians considered essential to overcome the present difficulties. They are alas always rare and at this time particularly so. It is the moment for them to find expression.

As far as intentions go, the way is clear not only towards political freedom but also towards energetic and intelligent attempts to deal with the deplorable poverty, illiteracy and ill health which exist in India.

How much more sensible and more truly patriotic it would be to take advantage of this opportunity rather than to follow the sterile path of mere rebelliousness and narrow communalism.

Lord Wavell, mentioned with pride the 45,000 Indian troops who refused to join the Japanese and suffered in consequence eleven thousand casualties.

They surely provide a better example of the spirit which is needed in India in the coming critical months than the other twenty thousand who went over to the enemy and whom the Congress leaders have now pitifully and wickedly tried to elevate into national heroes. Reuter.

AT WORST

The "Birmingham Post" says that at worst the British could pull India and leave Moslems and Hindus to their own internal war.

"But we shall not go for the good reason that we hold ourselves trustees for the 400,000,000 inhabitants of the peninsula, most of whom know little and care less for Indian racial and party differences and most of whom would be content with a slow but steady improvement in social and economic conditions."

There is a way out—by goodwill, common sense and patience. Britain's worst trouble is that Indian politicians seem to possess these qualities only in very small measure.

The British, if they follow the precedent set in the case of Josef Kramer and others at the Belsen trial of waiving their claim as military personnel to execution by a firing squad, will recommend hanging.

A man sprang on her from the bushes, struck her several blows on the head with a stick, snatched her handbag and disappeared. Miss Smith was able to go home after treatment.

The crime wave is at its worst in London though reports from other cities show that the number of offences of all kinds has increased greatly.

In many instances statistics reveal a worse state of affairs than in the period following the 1934-35 war.

Liverpool: A police official stated there is a 50 per cent. increase this year over pre-war crime figures. Chief cause is the heavy decrease in the number of policemen.

Manchester: The city is undergoing a serious wave of burglaries, largely from middle class homes.

Birmingham: Cases of shop and housebreaking have increased by 500 to 600. Reuter.

Washington, Dec. 12. Rear-Admiral Henry S. Kendall to-day predicted that if demobilisation continues at the present pace, "there will be a congressional investigation within a year because we have not men to properly care for the millions of dollars worth of property we now have in forward areas."

The Director of the Pacific Fleet's transportation of demobilised personnel disclosed at press conference that the Navy has so far returned 1,400,000 men to the mainland since V.J. Day. Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 12. Printed and published for the proprietors, The Newspaper Enterprise, Limited, by Wm. James Hart, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Child Crime

Chicago, Dec. 12. President Truman, in a message to the national police chiefs' convention, called on police speedily to organise a country-wide crime prevention drive to strike at the roots of juvenile delinquency, which he described as alarming.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, warned the police chiefs that a major crime wave that "startles the imagination" is sweeping the country, spearheaded by an army of juvenile delinquents. Associated Press.

American Policy In Germany

Washington, Dec. 12. Secretary of State Byrnes issued a German policy statement to-day, forecasting great hardships for the nation this winter but predicting a slow recovery by spring.

He said the policy is aimed at getting Germany back on her feet economically and industrially by 1948. Under the plan that German standard of living in 1948 will not be allowed to exceed that of European neighbours.

Byrnes said the policy declaration was forwarded to American occupation authorities in the western Germany zone and to the governments of Russia, Britain and France, the other occupying powers.

The four nations are supposed to work out by Feb. 2 their final programme for removal of industrial equipment from Germany as reparations. The statement of policy opposed any plan "wantonly to destroy German structures and installations which can readily be used for permitted industrial activities or for temporary shelter." Associated Press.

France As Link

Paris, Dec. 12. General de Gaulle voted the hope yesterday that France's importance as a natural link between "two great powers of the world"—the United States and Russia—eventually will win general recognition.

He told the nation in a radio broadcast that because of her geographical position, France's role in international affairs should be that of maintaining equilibrium between the East and West.

He made no mention of the Moscow conference of foreign ministers of Russia, Britain and the United States, which has drawn some criticism from the French press because France was not invited. Associated Press.

LETHAL CHAMBERS FOR NAZIS?

(By Laurence Wilkinson, "Daily Mail" Special Correspondent.) Through Reuters.

NUREMBERG, Dec. 12. THOSE FOUND GUILTY AT THE NUREMBERG WAR CRIMES' TRIALS MAY END THEIR LIVES AS DID MANY OF THEIR VICTIMS — IN THE GAS CHAMBERS.

THIS METHOD OF EXECUTION — LEGAL IN THE UNITED STATES — HAS BEEN PROPOSED AS THE BEST MEANS OF PRESERVING THEIR BODIES FOR AUTOPSY AND BRAIN DISSECTION.

The British, if they follow the precedent set in the case of Josef Kramer and others at the Belsen trial of waiving their claim as military personnel to execution by a firing squad, will recommend hanging.

The Russians, so far as lesser penalties are concerned, are said to recommend that where justified, flogging should be added to imprisonment.

Major Douglas Kelly, Nuremberg prison psychologist, said: "Universities and medical research centres will want to conduct post-mortems, looking for mental or physical abnormalities which would explain the conduct of these men."

It is possible that some peculiar glandular condition may account not only for his ability but for his irrational behaviour.

His amnesia is of international scientific interest.

It is noted in some quarters that if he is condemned to death his execution should be carried out in a manner best calculated to favour such research. Reuter.

Over Hasty Demobbing

Pearl Harbour, Dec. 12.